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CREWKERNE URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year ended 31st December, 1941

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Public Health Officers

Medical Officer of Health

D.V.Hague, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.I.H.

Sanitary Inspector

H.R.Stamp, L.R.San.I.

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To the Chairman and Councillors of the Crewkerne Urban District

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report for 1941. There is still a certain amount of overcrowding and some condemned houses are occupied, but owing to the return of many evacuees the general situation has improved.

There was a sharp epidemic of Measles in the Spring. A total of 139 Cases were notified. Almost certainly other cases occurred which were not notified. There were no deaths.

Apart from Measles the incidence of infectious disease was not above the average. A campaign to protect children from Diphtheria was carried out by the County authorities during the year. 68% of school children and 57% of children under school age were inoculated. This is a fair start, but is not sufficiently high to prevent an epidemic of diphtheria. Further efforts are needed.

Under the Rest and Shelter Scheme Medical Rooms have been allocated at Dr. Cheyne's house and a scheme for an Emergency Hospital at the Wesleyan Hall has been arranged.

I thank you for your co-operation during the year and in particular I must thank Dr. Cheyne for his valuable help in all departments, especially in connection with Emergency Defence arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

D.V.HAGUE.



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SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area 1255 acres.

Registrar-General's estimate of

- (a) resident population, mid-1941
- (b) average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1941) according to Rate Books 1202 ~~X~~

Rateable Value £20,843.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate £81.10/-

Extracts from Vital Statistics

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	52	33	19
Illegitimate	2	2	-

Still Births - Legitimate	1	1	-
Illegitimate	<del>Nil</del>	-	-

Deaths	48	21	27
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Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 14.4

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total (Live & Still) Births 18.1

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population 12.5

<u>Deaths from Puerperal Causes</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 total</u> <u>(live &amp; still) births</u>
No.29 Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	Nil
No.30 Other Puerperal Causes		

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	55.55
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	57.69
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	Nil



SECTION A.

Classification and Position of the Year.

1955

Domestic - 1955

(1) - 1955 population, middle  
(2) - 1955 population, middle  
(3) - 1955 population, middle

Domestic - 1955 (1955 or 1956)  
Domestic - 1955

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Total  
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Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	5
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	M.	F.
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	1
Ac. Inf. Enceph.	1	-
Cancer	2	3
Diabetes	-	1
Intra cranial vascular lesions	1	5
Heart Disease	7	8
Other Circulatory Disease	1	1
Bronchitis	1	-
Pneumonia	-	1
Other Resp. Dis.	-	1
Digve. Dis.	-	1
Nephritis	1	-
Congenital Malformation, Birth Inj., Infant Diseases	2	-
Suicide	-	1
Other Violent Causes	1	-
All other Causes	2	4
	<u>21</u>	<u>27</u>

### SECTION B.

#### General Provision of Health Services for the Area

1. The Medical Officer of Health }  
The Sanitary Inspector } No Change
- 2a. Laboratory Facilities No Change
- b. Ambulance Facilities - An extra ambulance is now available through the generosity of the American Red Cross. There is also the old ambulance and a commercial vehicle ear-marked for emergencies.
- c. Clinics }  
d. Nursing } No Change.
- e. Hospitals - A small unit for decontamination of gas contaminated personnel is now in existence at Crewkerne Hospital.  
Speedwell Club Hostel - A total of 18 evacuees were admitted to the Hostel during the year 1941.





SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the area.

1. Water Supply

The water supply from Wayford is now chlorinated. Reports on samples have proved satisfactory.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Minor repairs only. Some minor repairs have been carried out at the Eastern Outfall Sewerage Works but the effluent is still unsatisfactory. More extensive changes are needed. Northern Outfall is satisfactory.

3.(1) Closet Accommodation.

No Change.

(11) Public Cleansing

No Change.

(111) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Inspections for nuisances.  
Informal notices served.

NIL

Drainage Tests and inspections. New drainage work carried out during the year was tested and passed.

Houses disinfected.

5 houses were disinfected following cases of Infectious Diseases.

Shops and Offices.

No action was taken during the year under the Shops Act, 1934.

Smoke Abatement.

No cases of smoke nuisance were reported during the year.

4. Schools. No change.

Evacuees under the Government Scheme are accommodated at the Crevkerne Schools.

SECTION D.

No new houses have been built during the year. Overcrowding has been reduced owing to the return of many evacuees. There are approximately 500 evacuees now in the town. Several condemned houses are still temporarily in use.



Housing Inspections.

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under F.H. or Housing Acts).	79
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.	112
2. (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under H.Con Reg. 1925 and 1932.	22
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.	36
(c)	Number of houses in which no action was found necessary.	22
3.	Number of dwelling house found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	One
4.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	Nil.

Housing Action.

(a)	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	4
(b)	Number of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action.	Nil.

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil.
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-	
(a)	By owners	Nil.
(b)	By local authority in default of owners.	Nil.

Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil.
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	By owners	Nil.
(b)	By local authority	Nil.

Proceedings under Sections 11, 13 and 26 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	Nil.
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	Nil.



Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.  | Nil. |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been made fit. | Nil. |

Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

There is still some unavoidable overcrowding. No action has been taken under the Housing Act. General supervision is maintained by the Billeting Officer and the Sanitary Inspector. Particular care is taken to avoid billeting evacuated children in unsuitable billets, such as those occupied by tuberculous persons.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

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|---|----|
| (a) Milk supply -   |    |
| Number of Producers on the Register.                        | 10 |
| Number of Distributors on the Register divided as follows:- |    |
| (1) Distributors only.                                      | 6  |
| (2) Distributors who are also producers.                    | 3  |

Action taken with regard to inspection of farms and dairies, examination of samples for bacterial content and for tubercle bacilli, and the administration of the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, and the Milk (Special Designations) Orders, 1936 and 1938. Cowsheds and dairies are periodically inspected and samples for bacterial content and for tubercle bacilli taken for examination.

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| (b) Meat and other Foods -          |   |
| Number of Slaughterhouses Licenced. | 1 |
| "       "       "       Registered. | 3 |

Slaughterhouses, shops etc., are inspected and meat and other foods are examined and, where necessary, condemning notices are served.

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| (c) Adulteration etc. |      |
| Local action taken.   | Nil. |





SECTION F.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. During 1941 68% of school children and 57% of children under school age were inoculated.

DISEASE	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	3	1	-
Scarlet Fever	2	1	-
Measles	139	1	-
Puerperal Tyrexia	5	-	-
Pneumonia	5	-	1
Whooping Cough	4	-	-

Cases of non-notifiable Infectious Disease admitted  
To South Petherton Isolation Hospital.

Mumps 6 - Military  
Tonsillitis 4 - 3 Civilians: 1 Evacuee.  
Scabies 1 - Evacuee

Analysis of the Total Cases Notified.

	Under 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	3-4 yrs.	4-5 yrs.	5-10 yrs.	10-15 yrs.	15-20 yrs.	20-35 yrs.	35-45 yrs.	45-65 yrs.
Diphtheria							1	1	1		
Scarlet Fever						1		1			
Measles	1	8	9	14	19	65	16	3	4		
Puerperal Tyrexia									4	1	
Pneumonia							2		1	1	1
Whooping Cough				1	1	2					

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases & Mortality

New Cases.

Deaths.

Age Periods	Non-Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1								
1 - 5								
5 - 15								
15 - 25				1				
25 - 35	2							
35 - 45								
45 - 55	1				2			
55 - 65		1				1		
65 & upwards								
	3	1		1	2	1		

